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Scheduling conflicts and fundraising become topics of first senate meeting

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Problems and progress were revealed on Thursday as the newly elected student senators gathered for their first meeting.

Senators questioned candidates about the confusion of motions and timeliness to assure future meetings would be run effectively and efficiently.

Sen. Liz O'Connor was re-elected speaker of the student senate. O'Connor said she would create a step-by-step guide about the most common motions made during meetings so members can be comfortable with them.

Steve Hartman was elected as one of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media senators. Hartman asked O'Connor how lenient she would be with absences, since Student Government is not every student senator's top priority.

O'Connor said she would stick to the rules about excessive absences, which state that three missed senate meetings are cause for impeachment.

Hartman then presented the senators with a PowerPoint explaining his inability to attend further legislative sessions due to his schedule. Hartman, a theatre major, is taking 18 credit hours and currently attends 7 p.m. rehearsals for the November production of "The Miracle Worker." "My priority is in the theater department," he said. "I need to devote the time to enhance my craft and be the best at what I want to do."

Hartman said he will only be able to attend one more senate session on Oct. 22.

"A scheduling conflict doesn't mean I'm not going to be an asset," he said.

Hartman said he wants to find a way to make the conflicts in his schedule work rather than be impeached.

After Hartman's conflicts were discussed, Mollie Anderson, UNO's human resources director, talked about fundraising.

Anderson continued the open forum with a presentation on the You Look MAVelous! wellness campaign; PerkSpot, a discount program, and Round Up for United Way of the Midlands.

Students will be able to "round up" their food purchases in the cafeteria until Oct. 16 to benefit

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Mavs outplayed the 12th-ranked team in Division II as UNO won its Homecoming contest against Washburn 31-21 Saturday afternoon at Caniglia Field.

Senior quarterback Greg Wunderlich was 21-for-30 for 304 yards and three touchdowns to lead the offense. The defense gave up only 175 yards of total offense and zero points in the second half to limit the Ichabods' potent offense to three first-half touchdowns.

"One thing I wanted to make sure when they went out on that field was that they didn't forget who we are," head coach Pat Behrns said. "We're a good program and we're a good team also."

The Mavs improve to 5-2 overall and 4-1 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. The win gives the Mavs three in a row.

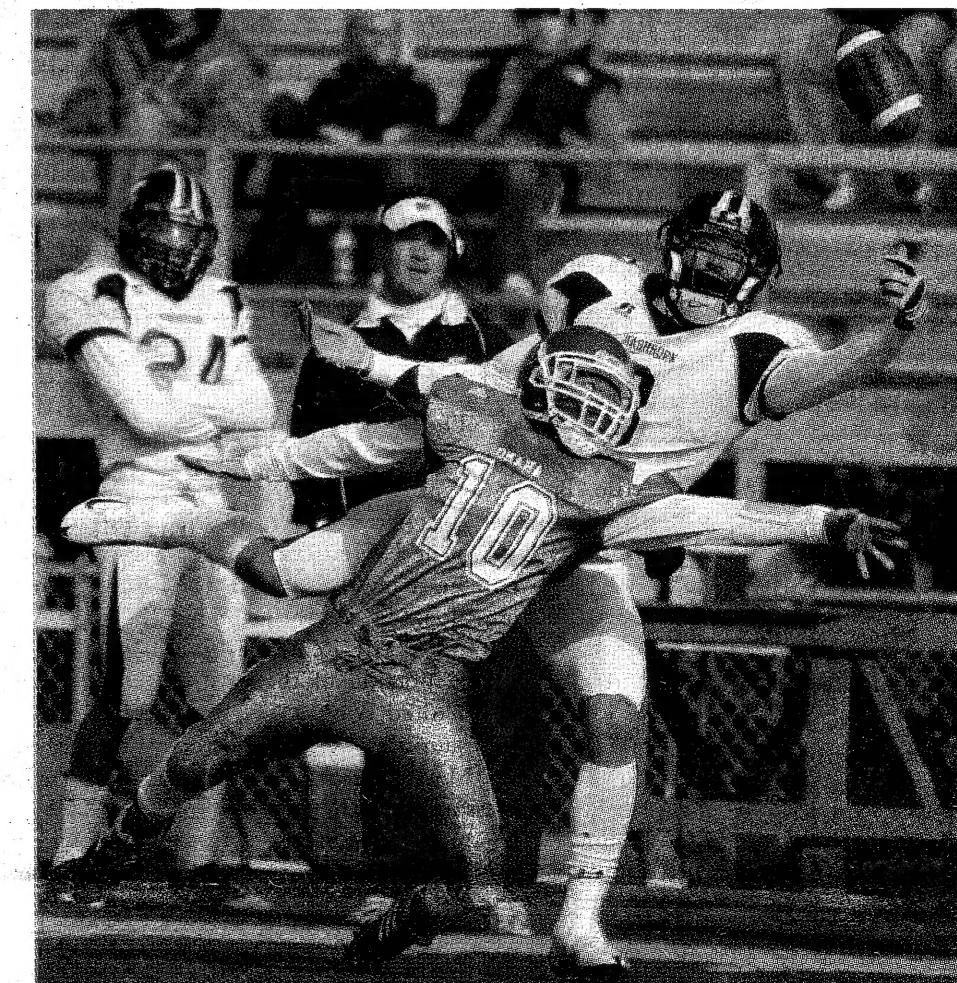
The first half was full of fireworks as both offenses were able to move the ball at will against the opposing defense.

"I did not think we played very good defense in the first half," Behrns said. "The first half was a game of plays."

The Mavs fumbled on the opening possession after freshman running back Levi Terrell coughed up the ball at the Mavs' 44-yard line.

The Ichabods took over and quarterback Dane Simoneau completed a couple of nice passes before running back Verson Moore barreled into the end zone to give Washburn an early 7-0 lead with 11:27 in the first quarter.

The Mavs scored on their next possession



UNO's Trevor Maldon prevents Washburn's Brad Cole from making the catch during Saturday's game. UNO defeated No. 12 Washburn 31-21 to win the homecoming game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

when Wunderlich found junior tight end Mike Higgins 10 yards downfield near the 50-yard line. The big tight end from Pickrell, Neb., found himself wide open and rumbled 50 yards for the score but not before running

through the tackle of a desperate Ichabod defender near the Washburn 10-yard line. Higgins finished with seven receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

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National Coming Out Day event 'opens doors' at UNO

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As UNO sophomore Josh Wiley walked through and signed his name on the wooden door that was set up in the Milo Bail Student Center last Thursday, few people besides those gathered in the Fireplace Lounge could guess how far he'd come.

The door was simple and unadorned, aside from a handful of signatures, but it symbolized the untold hardships and struggles of students, teachers, professionals and community members who stood in solidarity to celebrate and promote awareness for National Coming Out Day.

UNO's Student Agency of Gender and Sexual Orientation hosted the free event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., inviting speakers to share their experiences during a free lunch and open mic session.

"We don't live in the most liberal state and there's a lot of people that are in the closet and scared of coming out," GSO Director Tim Winchell said. "It's important to have a National Coming Out Day to help them realize they're not alone, and give them a sense of solidarity."

As an annual internationally-observed civil awareness day, National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 is dedicated to the awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning or intersex people and their supporters. It focuses on providing a message of comfort and support to those adjusting with their coming out.

"A lot of times it's really hard because of your family or other personal issues, and it's important they know other people have done it before, that there is support and they can survive it," Winchell said. "A lot of the people weren't even

invited specifically to speak, but when they got up and shared their stories they had a lot of important and credible things to say. The professional speakers are great and have really great messages and stories, but sometimes it's important for the students to hear their peers and what they're going through."

Winchell hopes to see the university and its students help the GSO by becoming involved with future programming, including a Transgender Memorial Remembrance Day on Nov. 19, a guest speaker in February or March and a career fair in the spring featuring companies with inclusive policies.

W. Meredith Bacon, UNO professor and chair of the Department of Political Science, spoke of her experience as a transsexual in making the transition from male to female in 2005.

"When I first came out to

the university, I was president of the faculty senate, a well-known researcher and a face people knew around campus," she said. "There was genuine concern for me among my colleagues in the senate."

However, three of her senate colleagues immediately gave speeches of support and over time, she became extremely grateful for the support of her spouse and the encouragement the UNO community provided. She said although there might be opposition and problems with family and friends, coming out is necessary.

"The great thing about it is that it allows you to know who your friends really are," she said. "Coming out is liberating. Coming out is coming from darkness into the light. Coming out is healthy for you and others."

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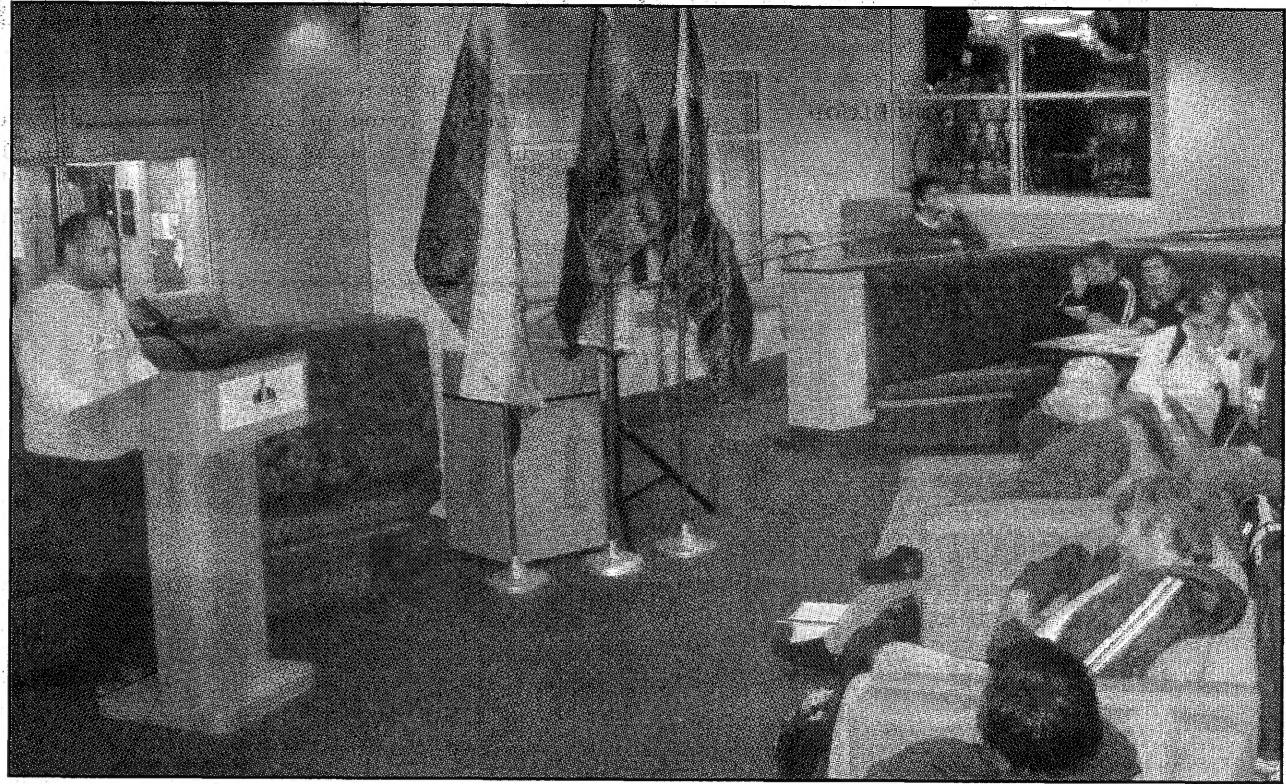
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When Wiley came out to his parents, he said he was living in a town of about 2,000 people. He said his parents had a hard time accepting his sexuality.

"I first came out to my parents in April of last year, and that went as expected," Wiley said. "It wasn't pleasant, but at least it wasn't a surprise."

When he arrived at UNO, he turned to UNO's counseling services. It took him at least two minutes grappling to say the word "gay," he said. Since then, he's been able to be openly out to his friends and peers and live a more honest and happy life.

"I was lucky enough to get a good counselor who helped me see myself and help me make decisions that were good for myself," Wiley said. "I think that's what coming out is — when you're finally able to love yourself."



Dave Swensen speaks during National Coming Out Day activities on Thursday. (EMILY JOHNSON/THE GATEWAY)

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United Way. There will also be an American Apparel flea market in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room on Oct. 14. A percentage of the profits will go to the United Way.

There will be a jewelry sale in the Dodge Room, located in the student center, on Oct. 27. All items will be under \$10 and a portion of the profits will benefit the United Way.

Over the summer, UNO hosted the You Look MAVelous! Campaign to further wellness and health education on campus.

Anderson said she wants to do

another program with a New Year's resolution theme.

"We would really like the students to be a part of that," she said.

In other student senate news, Chief Administrative Officer Matt Nelson said the senate retreat to Kansas City stayed under budget at \$5,112.99.

Executive Treasurer Shari Tangeman said student senate and the athletic department will fund hockey buses again this year. Shuttles will begin running for games on Oct. 30 and 31.

The next student senate meeting will be held on Oct. 22 in the Milo Bail Student Center's Dodge Room.

CRIME LOG

COMPILED BY BREANNA HAYDEN
PRODUCTION MANAGER

Thursday, Oct. 8

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2008 crime statistics show alcohol remains a problem on campus

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Burglary, motor vehicle theft, forcible sex offense and aggravated assault were each reported only once during the 2008 academic year, according to UNO's 2008 crime statistics report.

However, 229 on-campus alcohol violations were reported, a 53.7 percent increase from 2007 and a whopping 143 percent increase from 2006. With the construction of more on-campus student housing during those years, UNO's residence halls have become hotspots for illegal alcohol activity, with 222 of the 229 violations occurring in dorms.

"There's a lot of different reasons why they are choosing to do this on campus," said Nate Bock, coordinator of alcohol and other drug education for UNO's counseling services. "They think they cannot get caught for it. Maybe they had friends show up at their door with alcohol and they didn't know how to handle that situation, so they let them in. And as they're trying to figure out, 'How do I get these people out of here?' Campus Security shows up wondering why there's

alcohol on the premises."

Students living in the residence halls who are caught with alcohol are recommended for disciplinary action, which requires them to complete the Alcohol 101 program. The course has a \$100 fee and focuses on individual students comparing their drinking habits to those of other students across the state.

"It's a real non-judgmental way to go about it," Bock said. "It helps the student educate themselves."

UNO students can do a confidential self-comparison at uno.collegealcoholprofile.com.

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said he brought in more officers to patrol the residence halls during the first few weeks of school.

"I've noticed since last fall, it's more of the students' friends who aren't students here, the high school buddies. That's what starts it," Kosel said. "The high school friends show up on campus with the beer, and then they party up here and that's when they get caught. And of course, the student lives in the residence hall, they get to take the fall for it."

Sometimes Omaha Police are called if the situation calls for it, Kosel said. Eighty-three of the 229 violations ended in arrest as well as a recommendation for

disciplinary action.

"If an RA can take care of something and not involve us, they will," Kosel said. "If we can take care of it, get names, dispose of the alcohol, send the people home who need to be sent home, we'll take care of it. But if it's a really big party, loud and rowdy, a couple of smart mouths, or something that just doesn't look right, we'll call the Omaha Police to have them help us with it."

Kosel said if students had more access to activities at and around UNO, on-campus drinking and alcohol violations would decrease.

"I can't imagine there's not a group on campus who's not bowling, playing Frisbee, going to a movie, going to a dance someplace," Kosel said. "Maybe a small group is, but if more kids knew about it, maybe they'd go along. It's just a matter of how to find those kids that's probably the hard part."

Planning ahead by checking Web sites and newspapers for concerts, dances and movies can help students avoid a night of illegal drinking, Bock said.

"I think sometimes the lack of planning leads to bad decisions and entertainment ideas that might get them in trouble," he said.

UNO's planetarium celebrates international year of astronomy

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The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Mallory Kountze Planetarium joined hundreds of other planetariums across the country in celebrating the International Year of Astronomy.

Three years ago, the International Astronomical Union declared 2009 as

the International Year of Astronomy, celebrating the 300th anniversary of Galileo Galilei turning his homemade telescope to the stars.

Planetariums and observatories around the world have held special events to commemorate the event. So far, more than a million people around the world have looked through a telescope this year for the first time in their life, according to the Union's Web site.

The Kountze Planetarium marked the occasion with additional shows on the first and third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. These matinees have been very popular, said current planetarium manager John Artherton, and may be continued in some format to meet demand.

Artherton has been with UNO for four and a half years, teaching astronomy labs and running the planetarium. He enjoys sharing the planetarium with students and believes it plays a vital role on campus.

"It gives students an idea of the importance of the stars," Artherton said.

David Kriegler managed the planetarium before Artherton and has been with UNO since 1988. The Kountze Planetarium was finished at the same time as the Durham Science Center in 1986.

In all of his years at the Kountze Planetarium, Kriegler said he can't recall a time where it ever suffered a serious malfunction. The planetarium receives scheduled, professional maintenance every two or three years.

"Shows have had light bulbs pop out before," he said. "They can be replaced, but not immediately, and they cost between \$400 and \$500."

The planetarium originally doubled

as a classroom. After a few years it was opened to outside parties, who were allowed to schedule private showings. It became especially popular with local elementary schools.

"The programs are all educational, but they're also really fun and they get the kids excited about science," Artherton said.

Due to overcrowding in Durham, the planetarium was once again converted to a makeshift classroom in 2003, but it continues to offer private shows to interested parties for as little as \$40, according to the planetarium's Web site.

Besides the special Sunday matinees and private shows, the Kountze planetarium also hosts monthly "What's Up" shows on the first Friday and Saturday of every month. Shows on Fridays are at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday shows are at 6:30 p.m. The "What's Up" shows detail constellations and astronomical events of the month. Admission is \$3.

Barry Glynn, a UNO student majoring in education, visited the Kountze planetarium for the first time as part of his principles of astronomy course.

"I think it's important for students to have access to a planetarium," Glynn said. "So many of them don't look up at the sky at all, and even if they do, they live in a city. They usually can't see anything."

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ANDREA BARBE | ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

UNO professor debuts script with witty, sharp story line

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Real life experiences and a knack for play writing make a clever, original script for one UNO professor.

UNO kicked off its 2009-2010 season last week with the premiere of "Hippie Doctor," an original, semi-autobiographical play by graduate student Benjamin Gruber that displays friendships through conflict.

This play takes place from 1967 through 1971 and is so delightfully outrageous that it could easily come off as unbelievable. But through Gruber's careful dialogue, Director D. Scott Glasser's expert direction and the cast's genuine delivery, the play resonates with audiences of any age.

"Hippie Doctor" deals with many social issues of the hippie movement, as well as current problems such as anti-war activism and free health care. It follows Sid, a young doctor cleverly portrayed by grad student Bill Grennan, who doesn't want to be a doctor. However, Sid eventually uses his medical training to help people by working in a free health care clinic.

As the play opens, the audience sees Sid with his overbearing father, Lou, skillfully played by Doug Blackburn. Lou, a doctor himself, wants Sid to follow in his footsteps, but Sid wants nothing to do with it. The verbal interplay between Grennan and Blackburn is realistic and delightful to watch. Through the dialogue, they created a scene to which almost anyone can relate.

Sid, nonetheless, obeys his father's wishes and pursues a medical degree.

Grennan also has wonderful chemistry with Marsha, his wife, sometimes "ex-wife," played by the talented Julia Hinson. By the end of their first scene together, Marsha unofficially divorces Sid by walking around him saying "I divorce you" three times, as is customary for Jewish couples.

Sid and Marsha then attend the Sky River Rock Festival, featuring a colorful cast of dancing hippies. The costumes, designed by Sharon Sobel, are particularly noticeable in this scene, though they are lovely throughout.

At the festival, Sid meets a man named David, an alternative medicine organizer

played by Stephen Detlefs. David offers Sid a job at a free health care clinic as the "first hippie doctor of Seattle" - a position Sid accepts. Marsha, who's become Sid's "traveling companion," accompanies him to Seattle for work at a health clinic named The Earth Station. The clinic is lighted primarily by two fluorescent lighting apparatuses, hoisted from the ceiling. The colors, dulled under the harsh light, are stunning and appropriate.

It is during this scene that hippie doctor Sid and Marsha, a counselor of sorts, hold simultaneous conversations with patients. This is one of the many times Gruber allows his dialogue to overlap, creating a strong sense of motion and pacing.

However, Act Two is when Sid and his surroundings begin to crumble. His girlfriend Kathy, smartly played by Chloe Varner, breaks up with him. Sid is devastated and seeks consolation from his ex-wife. Then a particular medical study conducted by the health clinic becomes an apparent failure. As a result, the clinic is open fewer hours and its workers become discouraged. Shortly after, a friend of Sid's named Jack, played by Kevin Goshorn, dies. The audience sees Sid cry for the first time during the production.

And finally, Sid decides to spend some time alone in his friend Peter's cabin in the woods while Peter, played by Zach Cook, leaves for a trip. Sid's goal is to "see God" by doing acid.

"Have a nice trip," Peter said as he exited the stage.

During the following monologue, expertly portrayed by Grennan, Sid morphs into a goofy, confused version of himself.

"I must see God," Grennan said. "Where is my burning bush?"

This is a scene, like much of the play, which must be seen in person to be fully appreciated.

At the end of this acid-induced discourse, Sid finds his answer in a magazine: do to others what you would have them do to you.

The audience soon finds that Sid's father has died of cancer. He tells Marsha he believes his father finally understood him after years of conflict between the



Graduate Student Bill Grennan stars as title character Sid, a young man trying to find himself during the psychedelic era. (COURTESY OF THE UNO THEATRE DEPARTMENT)

two. Sid then finally expresses his love to Marsha, and asks her to be his wife again. He walks around her three times saying, "Marry me, marry me, marry me."

Gruber's clever script contains scores of one-liners, which are delivered with precision. They have the audience giggling. Every aspect, from writing to production and performance, corresponds with the others to create a world premiere that is a well-crafted, enjoyable and moving

production.

"Hippie Doctor" runs approximately two and a half hours with performances through Oct. 17. Show times start at 7:30 p.m. in the Weber Fine Arts Building. A special talkback session of the show will be held immediately following the Oct. 16 performance. Admission is free for all UNO students, \$5 for all other students and \$15 for adults. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 554-PLAY.

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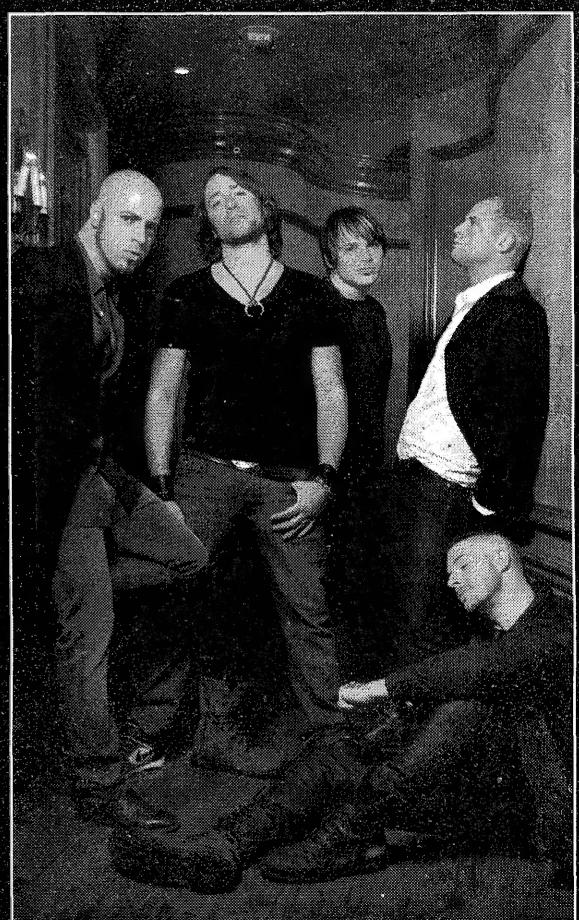
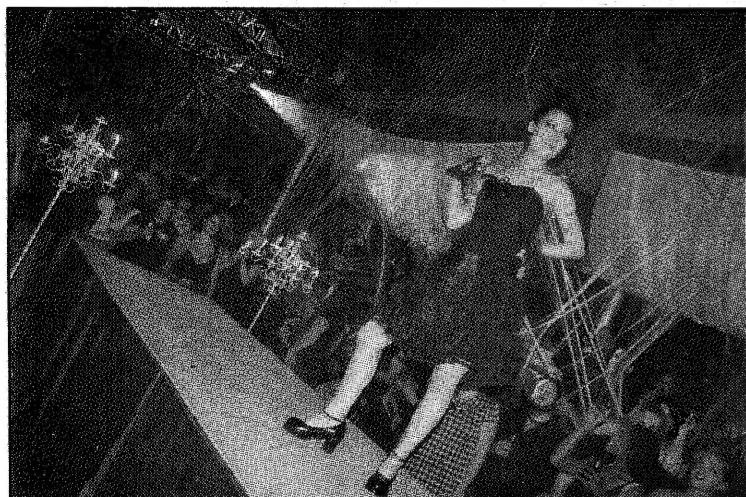


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True Goth Ball gets new home in Omaha's party scene

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Get out the black fishnets, nail polish and lipstick. It's time for Omaha's most uniquely themed parties to return to the



During the 2007 Goth Ball at Club Nico, caged dancers, goth guys and girls, and other spectators watch as one of the local models walk down the runway during the fashion show. (BILL WENDL/THE GATEWAY)

metro.

On Oct. 30, Something Wicked will host the sixth annual True Goth Ball where lots of locals will dress up in gothic attire for a night of dancing, drinking and entertainment.

In the past, the Goth Ball has been known to be one of the sexiest and most obscure parties in Omaha. Something Wicked is returning to host Omaha's premier gothic party, bringing together gothic-styled clothing, costumes and make up. Models will be showing off sponsor Basic Tease's products including lingerie while other local

designers will be modeling their gothic inspired apparel as well.

But this event will change things up a bit from previous years. The biggest change to the celebration will be its new location.

On Feb. 13, Club Nico closed its doors after five years in business.

However, with all the growing venues in Omaha, Eric Stoakes, who's in charge of promotions for the ball, said it wasn't a difficult decision to narrow down a new home for the party.

"Nico had been very supportive of the Goth Ball for the past four years and we'll miss them," Stoakes said. "But Slowdown gives us [a] better opportunity to showcase bands and is a much more open venue. It simply was the next best choice."

Stoakes also said the party will bring back live bands to perform, which they haven't had for the past few years. Local bands Army of In Between of Omaha and Strap on Halo of Lincoln will join Chicago-based group Janus for an on-stage performance. Pope Katherine the First will host the event while DJ Vu will be spinning

Goth music, both new and old, as well as industrial music.

"It's very exciting that we've been able to maintain this event for the past six years and we hope to keep it going for another six at least," Stoakes said. "It's the perfect Halloween season event. Everybody needs to get their Goth on."

The Goth Ball will also feature a contest for Master and Mistress, judged by Pope Katherine the First and a panel of judges. Winners will receive Goth gift packages. Other activities of the night include a gothic style cake-making contest and a wig/headdress contest.

While Stoakes said he's sad to say goodbye to some of the ball's former traditions, he's excited about creating some new customs this year.

"We hope Slowdown will become the home of the Goth Ball for years to come."

The Goth Ball will be held at Slowdown, located at 729 N. 14th St. The event begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 day of show and are available at theslowdown.com or etix.com.

Trauma drama hits a new peak as medical series go from 'St. Elsewhere' to St. Everywhere

NEAL JUSTIN
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

(MCT) - If Marcus Welby were on call today, he'd probably have a heart attack. Today's TV doctors are too busy juggling psychotic patients, sleep deprivation, drug addiction, budget-slashing bosses, supply-closet trysts, ER shootouts, helicopter crashes and hallucinations to practice bedside manners.

There's one matter, though, that they don't have to worry about: employment.

Medical series have never been healthier, with three new network dramas — "Three Rivers," "Mercy" and "Trauma" — joining an already crowded field that includes "House," "Grey's Anatomy," "Private Practice" and "Scrubs," which returns midseason.

Local stations have found room in their afternoon schedules for both "The Doctors," a medical version of "The View," and "The Dr. Oz Show," which comes with a referral from Oprah Winfrey. Add the fact that physicians portray superheroes on "The Biggest Loser" and that many of the crime fighters on "CSI" and "Bones" have memorized the New England Journal of Medicine, and you have a small-screen squad that would rival the staff at the Mayo Clinic.

"So often in television you have a certain number of things that enter the wind, and you end up with a lot of shows in a certain area," said Gail Berman, the former entertainment president for Fox TV, who now serves as an executive producer for "Mercy." "This year it's medical. You just go with the flow."

Not that the onslaught won't get some executives' hearts racing. Lloyd Braun, Berman's creative partner, remembers that he hesitated to sign off on a promising pilot back when he was co-chairman of ABC entertainment, only because the network had already watched a number of other efforts flat-line. At the very last minute, he agreed to give the program a chance. The series: "Grey's Anatomy."

Of course, "Grey's" isn't exactly in the pink these days, thanks to the departure of T.R. Knight and the behind-the-scenes whining of Katherine Heigl, leading the new competitors to believe they can pick up some of the aging series' regulars. But the clientele

they really covet are the fans of "ER," which ended its staggering, highly lucrative 15-year run last season.

"It's the 800-pound gorilla — and it's gone," said Dario Scardapane, creator of "Trauma." "I think a lot of people want to find out what the 21st-century version of a medical show will be. I know that's what we're shooting for."

The formula dates back to an era long before everyone wanted to be examined by George Clooney. "Medic," starring Richard Boone, was making the rounds in 1954 and series such as "Julia," "M*A*S*H" and "St. Elsewhere" have served as milestones in TV history.

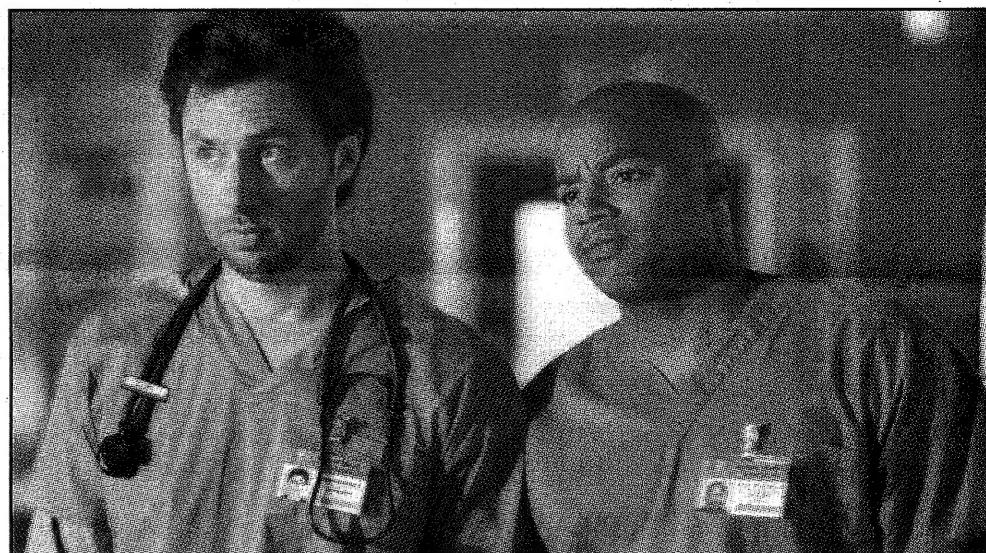
"With the big three — the legal show, the cop show, the medical show — they all have kind of built-in stakes," Scardapane said. "It's life or death, and nobody's numb to life or death."

Scardapane doubles down on his bet that viewers won't be bored by ratcheting up the action. The paramedics and docs of his San Francisco-based "Trauma" move at speeds that make the "ER" staff seem to be operating in slow motion. The series kicks off with an in-air explosion that must have cost as much as half of Jay Leno's salary. In "Three Rivers," the Pittsburgh team appears to be fueled on Red Bull, racing cross-country in thunderstorms to procure organs in "Beat the Clock" fashion.

The success of "CSI" has also convinced networks that they can take audiences into the belly of the beast — literally.

"I'm struck by how realistic today's medical shows are," said Alfre Woodard, who earned two Emmy nominations in the 1980s for her work on "St. Elsewhere" and now punches in at "Three Rivers." "I don't think we ever actually saw a heart or lung on 'St. Elsewhere.' Now, you know, some of the viewers could practically help with the procedures."

"Mercy" separates itself from the majority of past efforts by concentrating on the nurses rather than the doctors, an approach also taken this past summer by cable's "Nurse Jackie" and "Hawthorne." These underpaid, underappreciated figures, toiling away in New Jersey, offer a blue-collar version of "Sex and the City," with grumblings, gaiety and grogginess exchanged



Actors Zach Braff (left) and Donald Faison (right) star in the ABC medical comedy "Scrubs." (ABC/SCOTT GARFIELD)

over beer rather than Cosmopolitans. It's a radical, and welcome, departure from past decades, in which the profession's main function appeared to be servicing the doctors, both in and out of the operating room.

"In working on this role, it's become more and more clear that nurses are sort of the backbone of our hospital system," said Taylor Schilling, who stars in the series as a no-nonsense caretaker who has just returned from a tour in Iraq. "There's this period of time before the doctor comes in and after the doctor leaves when a patient is with their nurses. It's very, really exciting."

"Mercy," as well as every other medical series, will succeed only if viewers are drawn to the characters.

"At the end of the day, I really think that's what the audience cares about," Braun said. "Are they going to connect to these characters and these stories at this moment of time? Whether you're first, second or third, none of that matters. It's just all about that."

The best way to assure success might be to sit down and watch this past season of Showtime's "Nurse Jackie," one of the most acclaimed new shows of 2009. It sets the bar for all the new shows by focusing on the lead's complex personality, not her complex occupation.



Fox hit "House M.D." pegs Hugh Laurie as TV's unconventional genius doctor. (FOX.NET/HOUSE)

"It could have been a plumber and I would have done this show," said series star Edie Falco. "It just so happens that she functions in a world where her drug of choice is handy. Of course, if she was a plumber, she'd probably be drinking Drano."

Unburied Treasures Fashion Show

All photos by Tom Guttermann/The Gateway

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Homecoming week brought several creative events to UNO including the "Unburied Treasures Fashion Show" on Oct. 8.

Sophomore and Gateway contributor Jared Spence coordinated and produced the free event.

"That was pretty much my baby," Spence said. "I really wanted to put on a fashion show and I started throwing the idea around towards the end of last year. When one of my colleagues suggested that homecoming week would be the perfect venue for it, I jumped on the idea and started planning."

Spence is a member of Maverick Productions, the student organization that put on the fashion show, and brought in local band Shiver Shiver and nationally touring comedian Michelle Buteau to perform.

"Everyone loved Michelle," Spence said. "I've heard nothing but good things. People kept asking me where I found her."

Spence said that he and his co-workers found Buteau after attending the National Association for Campus Activities in Nashville last year. Spence contacted the New York comedian and her manager earlier this year and felt bringing her in to the fashion show would create a fun mood for the event.

Local designers Jennie Mason, Shamina Wiek, Claire Landolt, Juaniesha Christian and Nicole Brown all contributed to the show as well as local retailers Banana Republic, White House Black Market, Gentleman's Choice and Solstice Sunglass Boutique. Sirens and Icon Studio for Hair did partial hair and make-up on about 35 models, half of which were UNO students and the other half were from Agency 89, a local talent and modeling agency in west Omaha.

"I wanted to showcase the Omaha design scene, show local talent and bring them to light and promote the Omaha creative scene," Spence said. "So I used several local designers, some of which were featured during Omaha Fashion Week. That's also why I used local musicians."

Spence said about 150 people attended the fashion show and that it was well-received.

"I've gotten such great feedback from the event and it's something that I thoroughly enjoyed putting together as fashion is my first love," Spence said. "I really would love to do this again."



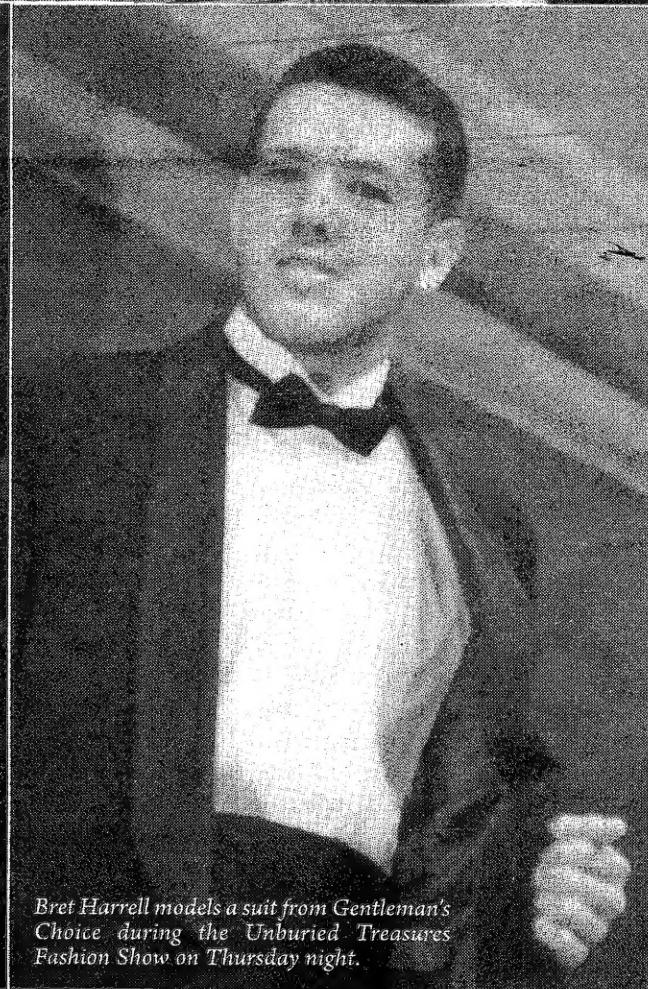
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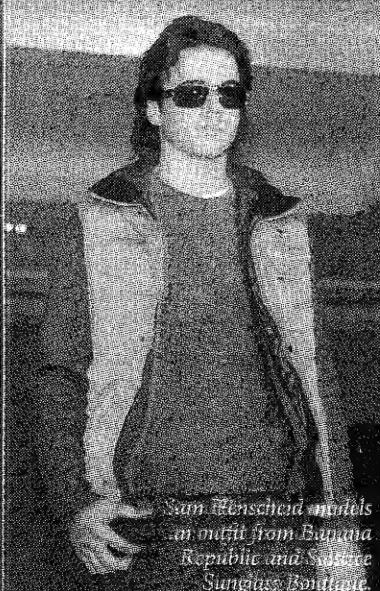
Quinn Gaillard shows off a piece by Jennie Mason.



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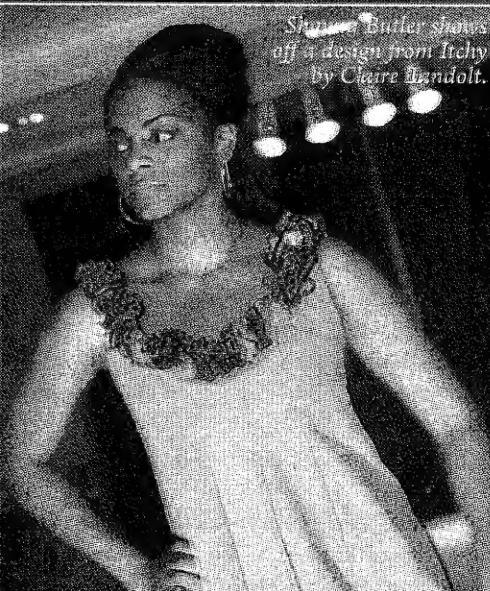
Bret Harrell models a suit from Gentleman's
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Sam Menschede models
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Angel Kumar shows off
an outfit from Banana
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Shana Butler shows
off a design from Itchy
by Claire Landolt.

UNO Homecoming events 2009

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Homecoming dropped anchor at UNO on Oct. 4 with a week full of pirate-themed events sure to entertain students, faculty and staff.

UNO Homecoming began with a parade and bonfire, and followed with a performance by Hypnotist Jim Wand on Oct. 5.

Fraternities and sororities elected representatives to compete in the "Game of Wits" game show on Oct. 6. Each candidate answered trivia questions, competing for points. The group with the most points at the end of the week received the Spirit Cup Award.

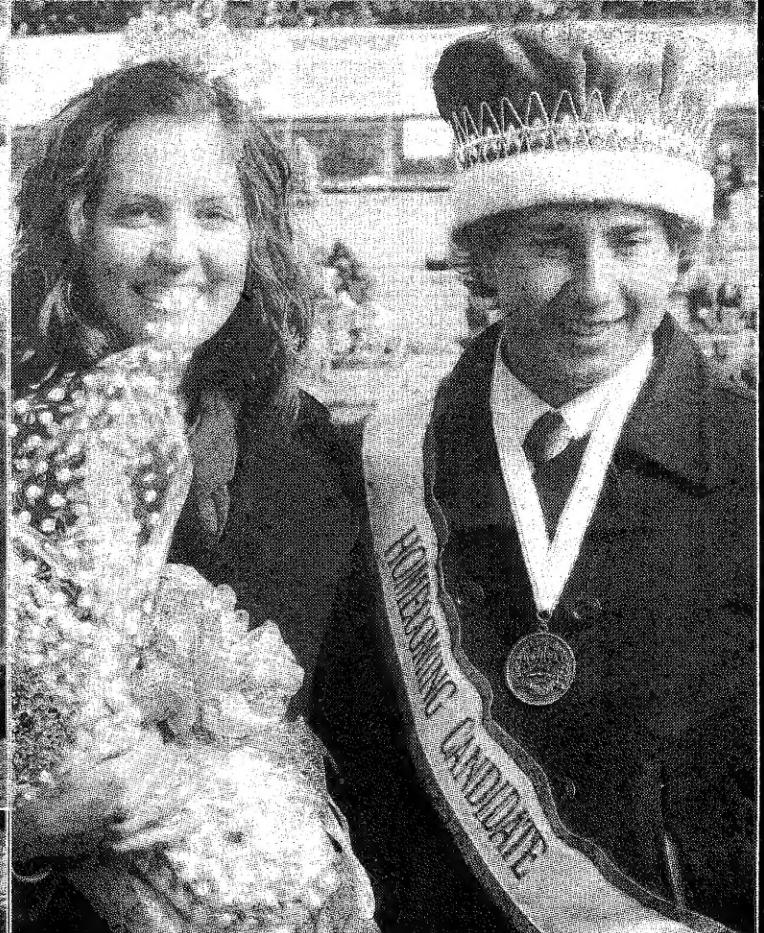
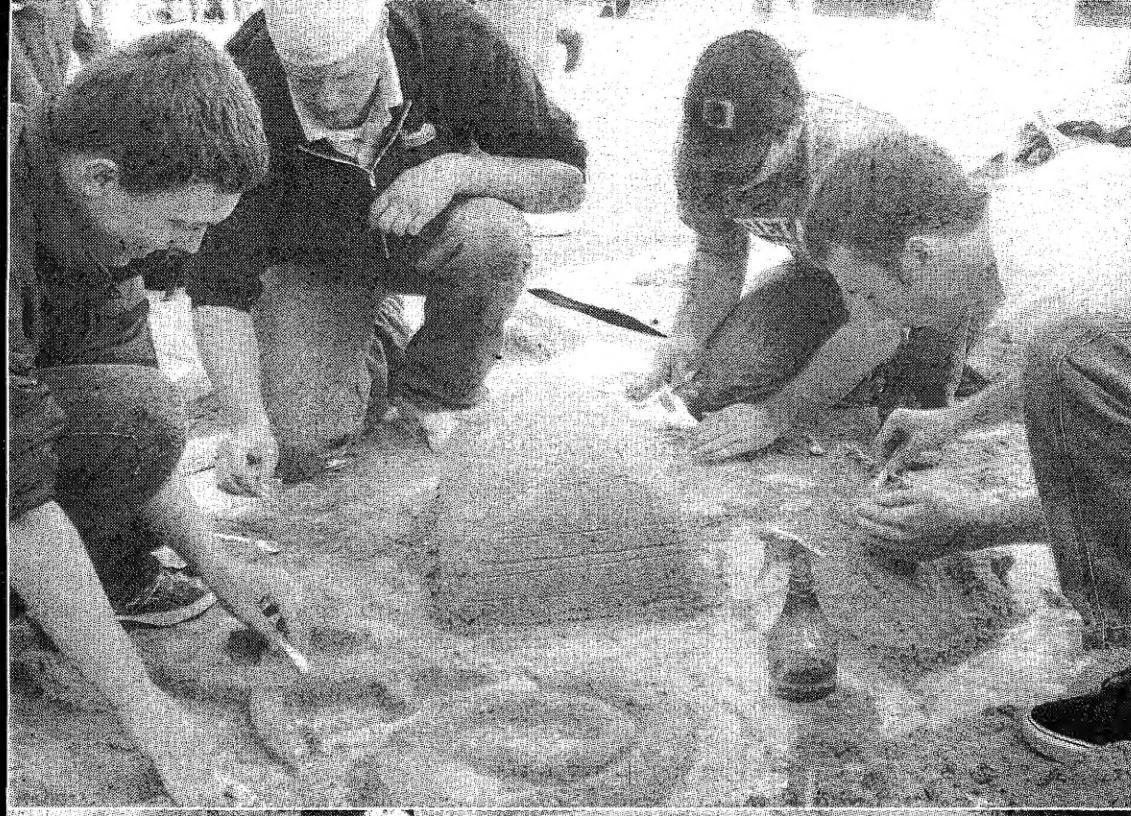
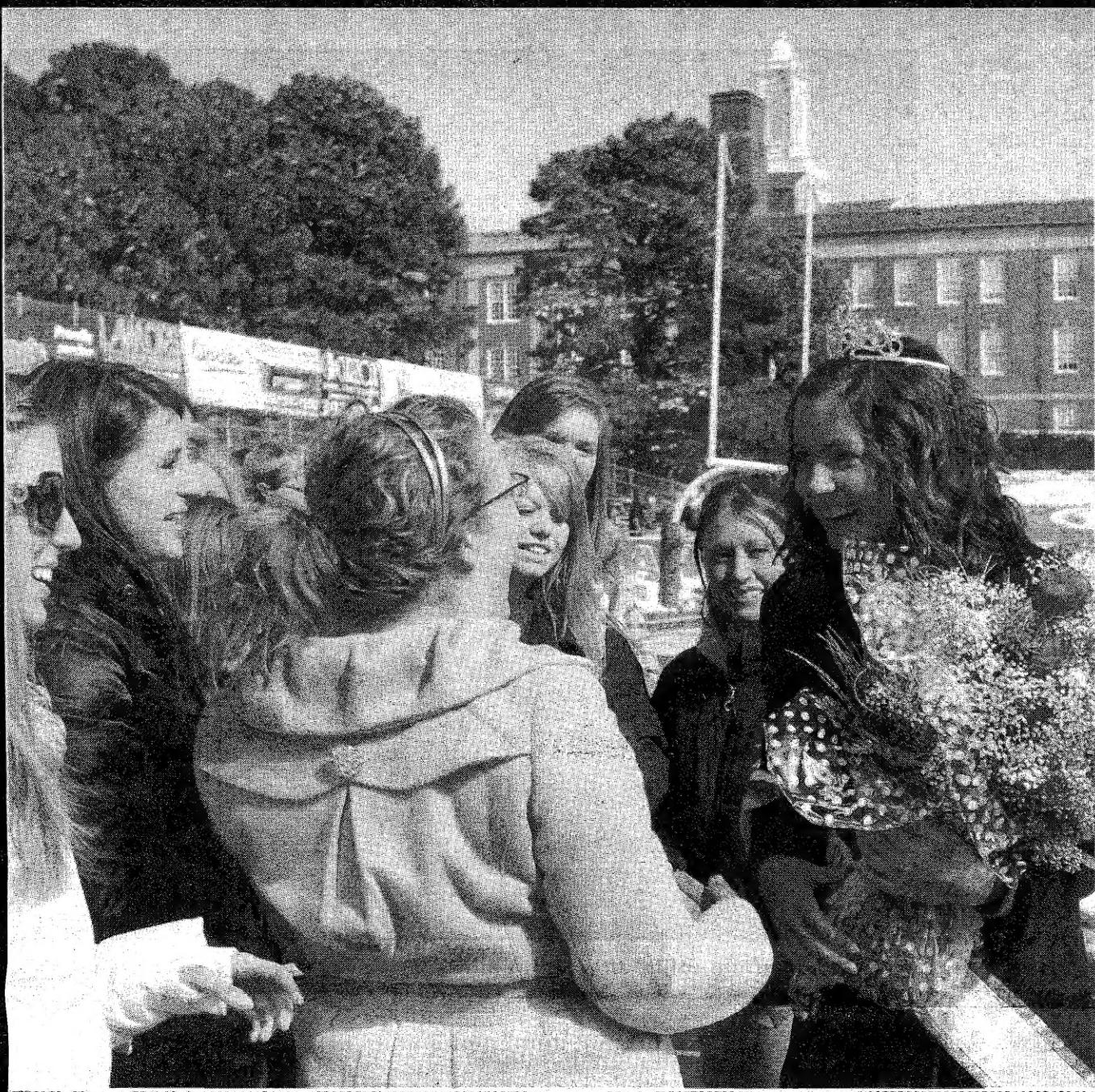
On Oct. 7, students could vote for their Homecoming King and Queen. Some organizational representatives dressed up in costumes and urged students to vote in the Student Center while others supported their favorite candidate.

During the polling, UNO also sponsored a sand sculpture contest in the Plaza.

On Oct. 8 was the Mr. Maverick competition, which squared male contestants against each other in a pageant-like contest complete with "Bond" wear, talent, question and swimwear portions. Homecoming Royalty judged the contest and named sophomore Austin Mayer as Mr. Maverick.

The UNO Ballroom hosted the Homecoming Dance on Oct. 8. At the dance, Chi Omega was awarded the Spirit Cup while Theta Chi took second place. Zeta Tau Alpha came in third, but they were also given the Heart of Homecoming Award.

The week's worth of events wrapped up Oct. 10 with the Homecoming football game against 12th-ranked Washburn. The Mavs beat the Ichabods 31-21. At halftime, Former Student Government President Neal Bonacci and Chi Omega Executive Board President Felicia Synowicki were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Tyler Micek and Gina Halboim took the prince and princess titles.



Pictured top left: Felicia Synowicki, 2009 UNO homecoming queen, celebrates with friends during halftime of the football game on Saturday. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Pictured above: Felicia Synowicki (left) and Neal Bonacci (right) won the 2009 UNO homecoming queen and king. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Pictured above left: Theta Chi members Jake Thelen (left to right), Tom Guttermann, Ryan Kahanca and Max Henscheid work together during the sand sculpture competition Wednesday as part of homecoming week activities. (JUDY RYDBERG/THE GATEWAY)

Pictured bottom left: Zeta Tau Alpha members Charlie Dukes and Emily Waldo put the finishing touches on their sculpture Wednesday. (JUDY RYDBERG/THE GATEWAY)

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Mavs sweep weekend; win Icebreaker Tournament

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The Maverick hockey team started the season off with two come-from-behind wins this weekend to capture the Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker Championship.

The Mavs (2-0) got their first win of the season Friday night against Army. Army, despite being viewed as the low seed in the tournament, led the Mavs 4-3 through two periods.

"We kind of lost our step a bit in the second period," senior captain Jeric Agosta said. "But coming into the third, we did a great job coming back and didn't give them anything."

Senior forward JJ Koehler evened the score at 4-4 with a goal 2:01 into the third period on a deflection from junior defenseman Eric Olimb's shot. With just under 10 minutes left in the game, freshman Terry Broadhurst scored his first collegiate goal on a rebound and put the Mavs ahead for good. Senior forward Nick Fanto added an empty netter with seconds left in the game to seal a 6-4 win for the Mavericks.

Head coach Dean Blais got his first win since taking over UNO's hockey program.

"We wanted to be in the championship game, not the consolation game," Blais said. "We felt we were going to find a way to win one way or another."

After the victory on Friday night, the Mavericks faced the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and defeated them 4-3 on Saturday. Lowell, ranked 10th and 11th nationally, played like a top-10 team in the first period. The Riverhawks scored two quick goals before many fans had taken their seats. Junior forward

Rich Purslow poked in a rebound to get the Mavs within one goal before the first period ended.

UNO notched their second goal more than a minute into the second period. Fanto scored his second goal, tying the game on a wraparound goal. The Mavs took the lead on a power play goal by junior forward Matt Ambroz.

The lead did not last long. Riverhawk forward Scott Campell scored the tying goal 5:25 into the period. Redshirt freshman goalie John Faulkner came in to replace UNO senior starter Jeremie Dupont with the score tied 3-3.

"It's just part of being a goalie," Faulkner said. "Anything can happen at any minute and you just have to be mentally ready to go at any moment."

Faulkner held strong, turning away all 11 shots he faced.

Broadhurst was the hero again as he scored the game winner 8:52 into the second period.

The Mavs were able to hold off the Riverhawks in a scoreless third period for the victory. Purslow was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, finishing with two goals and two assists.



Head Coach Dean Blais and the Mavs celebrate UNO's 4-3 win over UMass-Lowell at the Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker on Saturday night at the Qwest Center. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

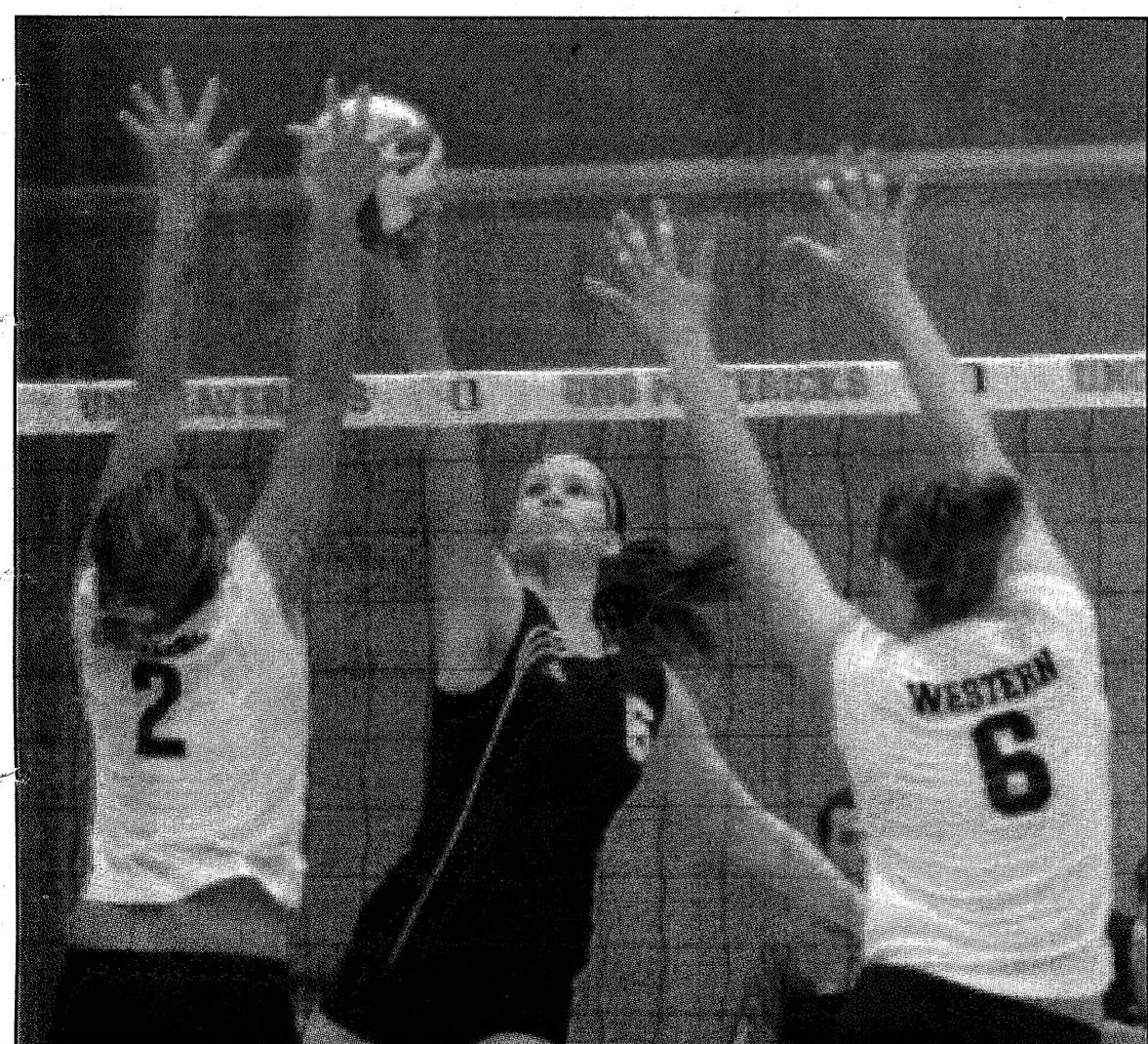
"I thought we didn't give them a whole lot," Blais said. "We were real quick in what we did, and it allowed us to win the third period."

The Mavs return to the ice this

weekend as they go on the road to take on Colgate University. UNO comes back home to the Qwest Center Omaha on Oct. 30 for a 7:35 p.m. game against Bowling Green.

No. 15 Mavs fall in five-set heartbreaker to No. 21 Truman

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR



UNO's Lizzy Mach goes up for the block against Missouri Western's Kelly Sicner (left) and Alexandra Behnke during Friday's game. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

The UNO volleyball team battled back from a two-set deficit to force a fifth set but they were unable to close out the Bulldogs as No. 21 Truman defeated the Mavs 3-2 on Saturday afternoon.

The match scored 25-23, 25-23, 20-25, 17-25, 15-12 in favor of the Bulldogs.

The Mavs (17-5, 7-2 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) held a 12-9 advantage in the fifth set but were unable to score, allowing Truman (16-8, 4-4 MIAA) to score the next six points in a row to take the match in front of a stunned crowd at Sapp Fieldhouse.

"At the end we became more passive, and that allowed them to be back in the game," Head Coach Rose Shires said. "It cost us."

Senior hitter Kelli Goeser led the Mavs with 17 kills, despite playing with a sore shoulder.

"I tried to look past that and onto things I can do," Goeser said.

Shires was impressed with the offensive effort from Goeser.

"I thought she did a good job playing smart versus hitting hard," Shires said.

The Mavs started the match playing uncoordinated and making critical mistakes. Service errors, missed blocks and missed opportunities littered the first two sets for UNO.

"We played very poorly, very uninspired in games one and two," Shires said. "We played very separated and isolated."

On the verge of the defeat, the Mavs entered the intermission down two sets to none. The Mavs responded out of the break by winning the next two sets in impressive fashion.

"I asked them to change their attitude toward the game," Shires said. "We had one or two mistakes and they let that control their thoughts versus letting aggressive behavior and aggressive play control their thoughts."

Goeser echoed the coach's sentiments about the change of attitude.

"We just said it's enough," Goeser said. "We knew we couldn't have

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Mavericks finish seventh at Briar Cliff Invitational, prepare for MIAA championship

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Despite the 18-degree wind chill, the UNO Mavericks cross country team managed a seventh place finish at the Briar Cliff Invitational on Oct. 10.

UNO posted three top 25-finishing in the meet: freshman Brittany Phillips at 19:13, freshman Megan Oddo at 19:24 and junior Dina Luka at 19:25.

The trio finished with 162 points on the day.

"They all ran really well considering the weather was really cold on Saturday," Head Coach Steve Smith said. "The conditions were pretty tough out there, but I think it shows that they are pretty determined and will be ready for anything."

Morningside College took first place in the meet with 40 points. Doane College placed second with 87 points, while Dakota State placed third with 88 points.

Phillips posted UNO's best finish for the second time this season. Oddo has also posted two top finishes

for UNO this year. She finished 11 seconds behind Phillips.

"These girls were at the top of the local standouts when we recruited them," Smith said. "We are seeing a lot of good things from them and a lot of determination."

Luka added some depth to the team's performance on Saturday and sophomore Kelly Esch was added to the roster, finishing in 43rd place with a time of 20:00.

Despite the young talent, the Mavericks are prepared for the tough competition ahead in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Championships.

In the preseason, the Mavericks were picked to finish last in the conference. The team is looking to prove the polls wrong as they head to Emporia State for the championships, which take place on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.

"We are the only team in our conference that is not ranked in the region in cross country," Smith said. "Cross country doesn't get a lot of publicity, but there are some really good teams in the MIAA."

Mavs shut out Washburn 1-0

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO soccer team is playing extremely well right now.

The Mavs (9-4, 8-1 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) won their fourth game in a row and eight of the last nine games as they defeated Washburn 1-0 on a cold and windy Sunday at the UNO Soccer Field. The win also gave the Mavs 10 in a row at home.

Sophomore forward Jerica Kuncl scored the game's only goal when she took a pass from senior forward Jessica Powers and rifled a shot into the net 19:10 into the match.

"It's just pretty much a hustle goal from all three of the forwards," Kuncl said. "I feel like our offense gets more and more into a groove of playing with each other as each game goes on. Jess, Nicole and I are starting to get used to each other and it's just getting better and better."

UNO maintained offensive pressure throughout the match, limiting the Lady Blues to only three shots total on the day and only one shot in the first half. Washburn had a few chances to put in a loose ball, but aside from that they were unable to get any sort offensive tempo.

"[The defense] has been amazing," Head Coach Don Klosterman said. "[Lauren Fox] has been awesome, the fullbacks have been awesome. They've really come together."

The Mavs finished with 20 shots but only three on goal. Redshirt freshman Nicole Baier had a golden opportunity to score in the second half, but her shot was high and went off the crossbar.

"I tried to chip it over the goalie's head but it just wasn't happening today," Baier said. "There were a lot of missed shots today that could have been in. That shot was just one of the many."

Junior goalkeeper Fox improved to 7-1 on the year and has a team-leading 3.6 shutouts. She has given up only three goals in her last nine matches.

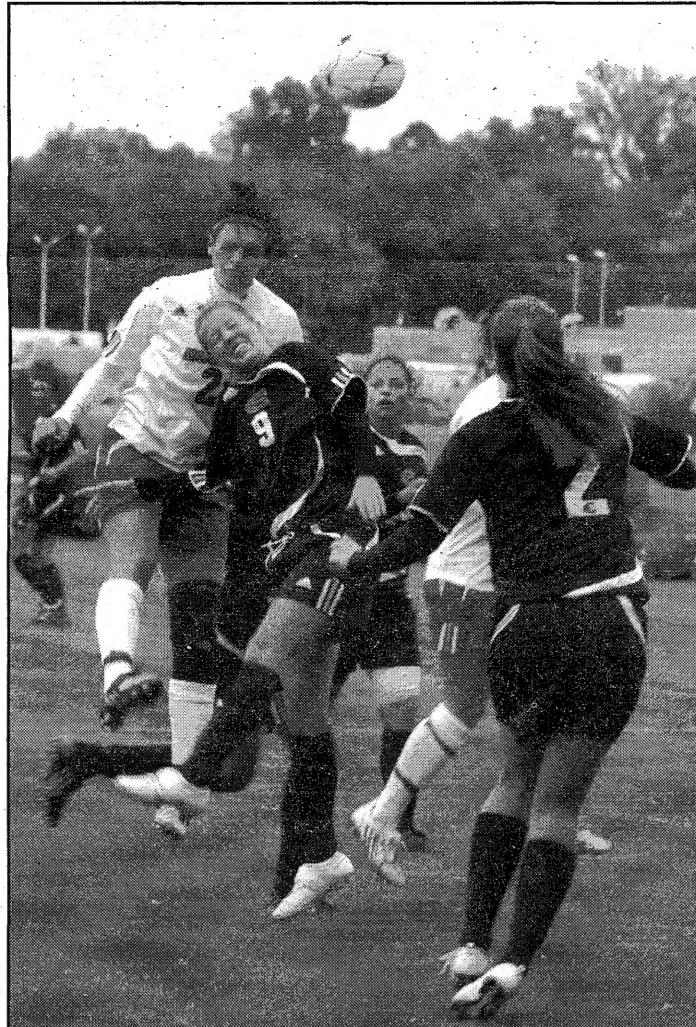
With the team playing at such a high level, Kuncl talked about how important it is to give great effort in every game.

"We talked about - at the beginning of the season - just taking the season game by game, focusing on each team that we play and just not looking at how they've done but just focusing on how we're going to do against them, rather than how they've done in the past," Kuncl said. "You just go to go all out every time."

On Thursday, the Mavs shut out Emporia State 5-0.

Baier led the offensive explosion with two goals and two assists and leads the team with nine goals.

"It had been a while since I had scored, so that was exciting," Baier said.



UNO's Nicole Baier heads the ball into the net to put UNO up 3-0 during Thursday game against Emporia State. UNO won 5-0. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

After a 1-0 halftime score, the Mavs opened the floodgates with four goals in the second half.

Baier scored her goals 12 minutes after each other to give UNO a 3-0 lead at 59:26 in the match. Powers scored her seventh goal of the year at 68:29 to boost the lead to 4-0 before freshman midfielder Nicole Cunningham scored her first career goal in the 85th minute.

"The whole team is playing as a whole, unlike we were at the beginning," Baier said. "It's changed, black and white, from game one to game 13."

Fox got the win and split the shutout with senior goalkeeper Elizabeth Odorisio.

The Mavs will take their hot streak on the road as six of the last seven matches are away from home. UNO returns to action on Thursday when they take on Missouri Western at 7 p.m.

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Maverick golfers win last two tournaments of the year

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SPORTS EDITOR

It's been an impressive fall for the Mavs women's golf team.

Starting with their first-place finish at the Iowa Western Community College Fall Invite, the Mavs have finished first in four of their six tournaments. The other two finishes were in second place.

The Mavs performed superbly down the stretch, winning the last three tournaments.

UNO wrapped up their fall season with victories at the Bearcat Invitational and the UNO Fall Classic.

From Oct. 1-2, the Mavs dominated play at the Bearcat Invitational, hosted by Northwest Missouri State.

Sophomore Armana Christianson paced the Mavs with her individual first-place finish. She had a two-day score of 165 to earn her first individual medal of the season. She shot a 78 on the first day, the best score of the tournament before a final-day score of 87.

UNO had all five team participants finish in the top six. The team finished with a score of 670 after two days. Missouri Western finished second with a score of 700 and IWCC was third after shooting 737.

Sophomore Rebecca Pollock finished the tournament in second place with her consistent play, earning a two-day score of 167. Junior Amy Powell shot 170 for the tournament to tie for third place. Senior Abby Weddle was one shot back at 171 to finish fifth while junior Ricca Soper shot 173 to tie for sixth place.

Freshman Elizabeth Havekost, who played solo, shot 185 to finish third amongst individual golfers.

The Mavs wrapped up their fall season with another victory, this one at the UNO Fall Classic, held at the Pines Golf Club in Valley, Neb.

Senior Erin Ommen was the top finisher for the Mavs, placing second overall with a two-day score of 151. She was tied for first at the end of the first day after shooting even par at 73, but shot a 78 on the second day to finish five over.

Laura Taylor of Upper Iowa was the individual medalist after shooting 145 for the tournament.

Including Ommen, the Mavs had three golfers make the top 5. Weddle shot 152 to place third while Suponchick finished tied for fourth with a score of 156.

Christianson was tied for 11th with a score of 161 and Pollock was one stroke behind with 162 to round out the UNO team. Powell and Soper played as individuals and each shot 162 to tie with Pollock and others at 13th.

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the attitude we had in games one and two. We knew we had to play with heart instead of playing individually."

The Mavs knotted the match at 2-2 on senior hitter Sara Kampschnieder's kill in the fourth set. Kampschnieder finished with 10 kills and 26 digs to lead the team.

UNO's momentum was fierce entering the fifth set, and the Mavs took an early 6-3 lead. After back-and-forth battling, the

Mavs found themselves up 12-9 with only three more points to go for the victory. Unfortunately, the Mavs were unable to score as they were unable to control digs to make an offensive attack.

Senior middleblocker Ellen Thommes and sophomore Lizzy Mach joined Goeser and Kampschnieder with double-digit kills. Thommes finished with 11 while Mach had 10.

The Mavs played well defensively after the first two sets. The team finished with

nine total team blocks, with Goeser leading the way with six block assists. Sophomore setter Emily Myers led UNO with 48 assists while freshman hitter Natalie Ebke had five service aces.

"When she has service groove on, she puts up a good ball," Shires said. "We need our service game to help our block and defensive game."

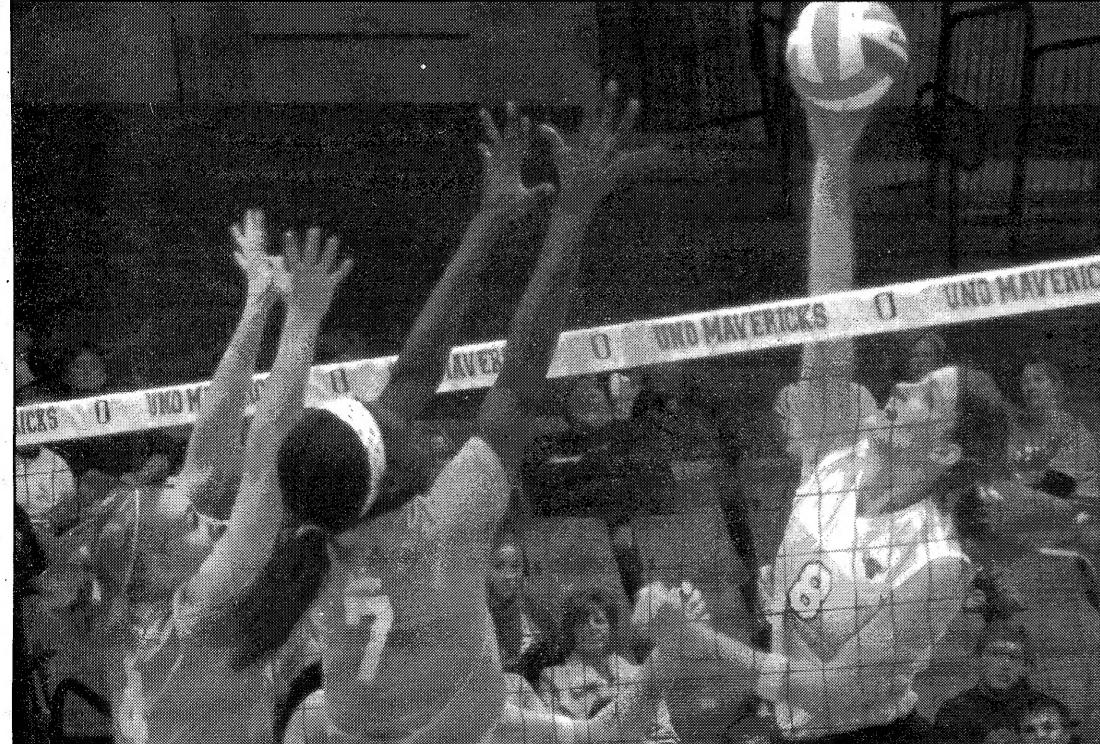
The loss ended a two-game winning streak. The Mavs have won 11 of their last 13 games, with both losses coming in five-

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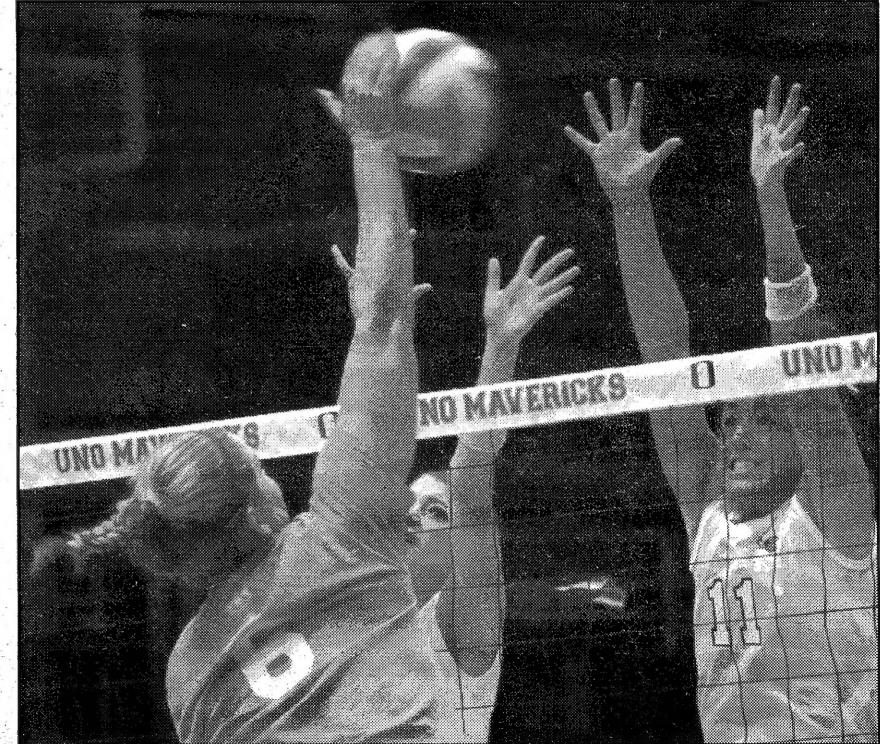
On Friday, the Mavs won an easy game when they swept Missouri Western in three sets at Sapp Fieldhouse.

Thommes led the team with nine kills and two aces as the Mavs won 25-13, 25-16, 25-17.

The volleyball team returns to action on Thursday as they go on the road to take on Central Missouri. The team will be back home on Oct. 21 to take on Missouri Southern State.



UNO's Ellen Thommes goes up for the kill as Truman's Heather Hargadine (left) and Megan Sharpe defend during Saturday's game. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)



UNO's Ellen Thommes (left) and Kelli Goeser go up for the block against Truman's Lauren Graybeal during Saturday's game. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Baier returns to the playing field after multiple knee injuries

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Every time UNO redshirt freshman Nicole Baier laces up her cleats and steps into each soccer game, she burns up the field like a firestorm.

Baier leaves behind impressive numbers: nine goals, 54 shots, eight assists, 26 points and an overall shot percentage of .167.

For those unacquainted with UNO women's soccer team this fall, the forward's efforts are nothing to sneeze at. After leading the Mavericks in scoring almost one-third of the team's total goals this season, it's little wonder she won the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association's offensive player of the week award two weeks in a row on Sept. 8 and 15.

Despite her hard work, Baier said she was surprised to hear she earned the award.

"Last year we didn't have any players of the week, and this year we've had four in the past four weeks, it's been so cool," she said. "I really didn't know about it until some people were like, 'Oh my gosh, I saw you got offensive player of the week,' and I [thought] 'Wow, that is such a huge accomplishment coming from not being able to play for so long.'"

Baier has been on the team for two years. She spent her freshman year on the bench due to an ACL injury she suffered during her senior year at Marian High School. She tore her ACL the day before the state cup final for her club soccer team. She had surgery that November and tried to return four months later but re-tore her ACL during Marian's first game of the season. She received a medical redshirt for sitting out the year.

"That was really hard," she said. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I'm going to have to redshirt my freshman year of college. I don't want that name, I don't want to be a redshirt,' all this stuff. It was really hard to swallow my pride and be like, 'OK, you need to take a year to be healthy and come back this year.' But it turned out to be the best thing ever."

Baier started her passion for "the beautiful game" with the Millard Star Soccer Association, playing year-round until she tried out and made it into club soccer when she was 9 years old.

"When I was 5 years old my cousin played for St. Stevens," she said. "I used to go watch her and thought, 'Oh my gosh, I want to be there so bad, I want to play so

bad.'"

She made her decision to continue her soccer career at UNO when she was a sophomore in high school.

"It was kind of like a big trend when I was a sophomore, a lot of people were committing really early, and I knew that I wanted to play for UNO," Baier said. "They were such a good Division II school, and they had just won a national championship the year before, so I was just like 'If I can play for a Division II team, there's no doubt in my mind that that would be better than playing for a Division I team that doesn't really have a stand in the conference.'"

Several of the girls from the club teams that Baier grew up with were recruited by the Mavs. She said her hardest challenge was being unable to play for more than a year. Her coaches' and teammates' support and consideration for her condition helped her get through the tough times. Baier said she remembers how hard it was to sit on the sidelines and watch her teammates play the game she loves without her.

"It's so cool to be able to play with all the girls that I've played with all my life," she said. "The highlight was probably my first college goal because I hadn't played in two years since I tore my ACL in '07, and this was my first real game."

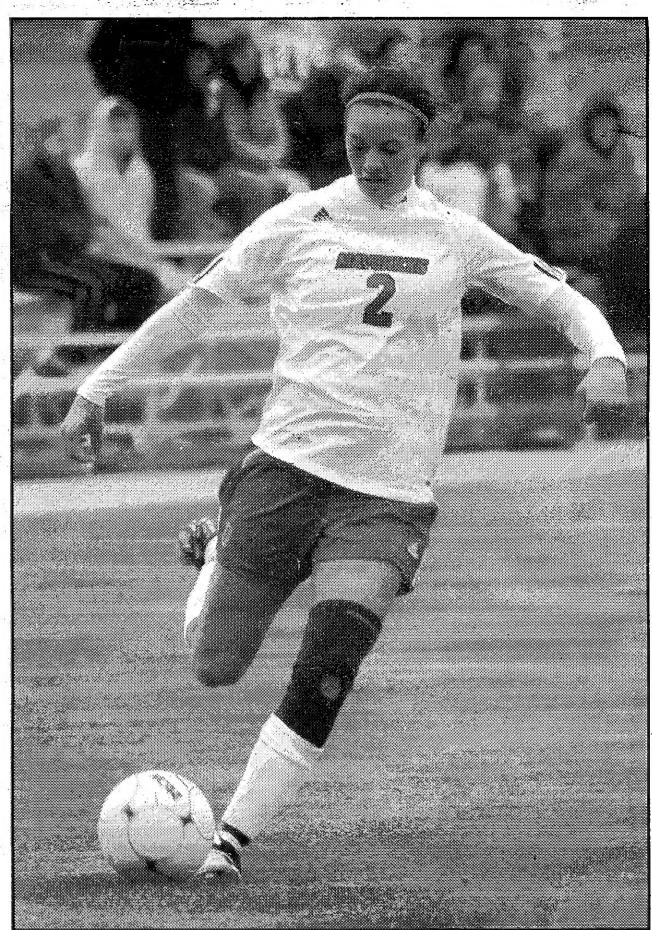
The team has won nine games and lost four so far this season, including a recent win against Northwest Missouri State on Oct. 3.

"Everyone played with such good effort, and I thought that was great," Baier said. "There was a shot that I wish I could've had - I had a beautiful grasp on [senior midfielder] Lindsey Nealon and I wish I could've made that shot and the game would've been over, but overtime was amazing because we scored with eight seconds left."

Baier had high hopes for their Oct. 8 game against Emporia State. Since the interview, the Mavs have gone on to defeat Emporia State 5-0.

"I hope that we shut 'em out and fill a lot of goals in the back of the net because I know they've lost some every game, so I hope that we score a lot and it just adds up," she said. "Every game so far we've improved, every single game... and I hope that we can keep improving, because the level of play keeps getting harder and harder, and every team we've played has gotten better and better as well, so we need to keep our level getting better and better too."

Baier said being on the bench helped her value the game more and helped her to be a more verbal player by communicating better with her teammates. Still nervous



Redshirt freshman Nicole Baier leads the Mavs with nine goals. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

about facing the keeper one-on-one, she's focusing on improving her breakaways.

"Sitting on the bench makes you realize how much you love the game, and I think as far as playing, I think it makes you realize some of the things that you should probably be doing," she said. "It helps you become a more of a mental player rather than just a physical player, like knowing your position on the field and everything, and it just makes you appreciate it."

Baier said she is grateful for the opportunity to continue playing her childhood game.

"Some people are like, 'Oh, I don't want to be here today,' but when you've sat out for so long, enjoy every minute of it, because you can't do soccer for your whole life, you know, and after college you'll be done," she said.

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"They ran a blitz and we called the right play into it," Higgins said. "I was just running hoping I wasn't going to get caught. Just trying to get into the end zone."

"Mike is an athlete," Behrns said. "Those are the kind of plays you need to make to [the offense] go."

The offensive fireworks continued on the Ichabods' next possession. Wide receiver Drameago Powers made a great catch on a 46-yard pass before Simoneau threw his first touchdown of the game to help Washburn regain the lead 14-7.

"You kind of shake your head and wonder when [the scoring] is going to slow down a little bit," Behrns said. "I thought we played the first half on defense to keep from getting beat instead of playing to win. You cannot play defense cautiously and that's what we did."

After a Washburn fumble, UNO drove the ball 62 yards before Terrell scored his only touchdown to tie the game again at 14-14 with 32 seconds left in the first quarter. Terrell finished with 37 carries for 119 yards, his third consecutive 100-yard effort.

The Mavs' defense came up huge early in the second quarter. Washburn was at the UNO 1-yard line looking to retake the lead

when Moore fumbled the ball into the end zone. The Mavs recovered for a touchback, but a penalty on UNO gave them possession on their own 10-yard line.

"That was huge," junior safety Danny Pelster said. "That's big for the energy on your team and for them, that's a big momentum shift and that's hard to come back from."

The Mavs drove down the field using a balanced offense before Wunderlich hit sophomore tight end Austin Wells for a 2-yard touchdown pass to put UNO up 21-14 with 5:08 in the half. The drive covered 90 yards in 16 plays.

"What that does is develop the confidence," Behrns said. "We're creating some consistency and getting confidence in our offense, and that's when things start working."

After Simoneau threw a couple incompletions, the Ichabods punted, giving UNO the ball with 4:06 in the half. After a couple of completions with help by Terrell to move the chains, Wunderlich threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Higgins to give the Mavs a 28-14 lead. The touchdown gave



UNO's Mike Higgins thunders into the end zone to score UNO's first touchdown on Saturday. The 63-yard touchdown pass was a career long for Higgins. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Higgins two for the first half.

"That's a play we had been working on all week," Higgins said. "We called it at a good time."

Momentum appeared to be building for UNO, but Washburn answered with a critical touchdown drive highlighted by some nice throws by Simoneau. The secondary was gashed on the drive many times including the 5-yard touchdown completion to wide receiver Ryan Mertz with 14 seconds in the half. The score going into the break was 28-21 UNO.

It was clear that both teams made defensive adjustments at halftime, as both offenses were only able to score a combined three points for the second half.

"You've got to play to win every battle, every snap that's out there and that's what we did in the second half," Behrns said. "To be able to put pressure on a quarterback with four down lineman, get sacks, get fumbles and things like that...it really makes [the secondary's job] back there a lot easier."

After both teams exchanged punts to start the third quarter, UNO got the only score of the half when junior kicker Greg Zuerlein kicked in a 29-yard attempt to give the Mavs a 31-21 lead.

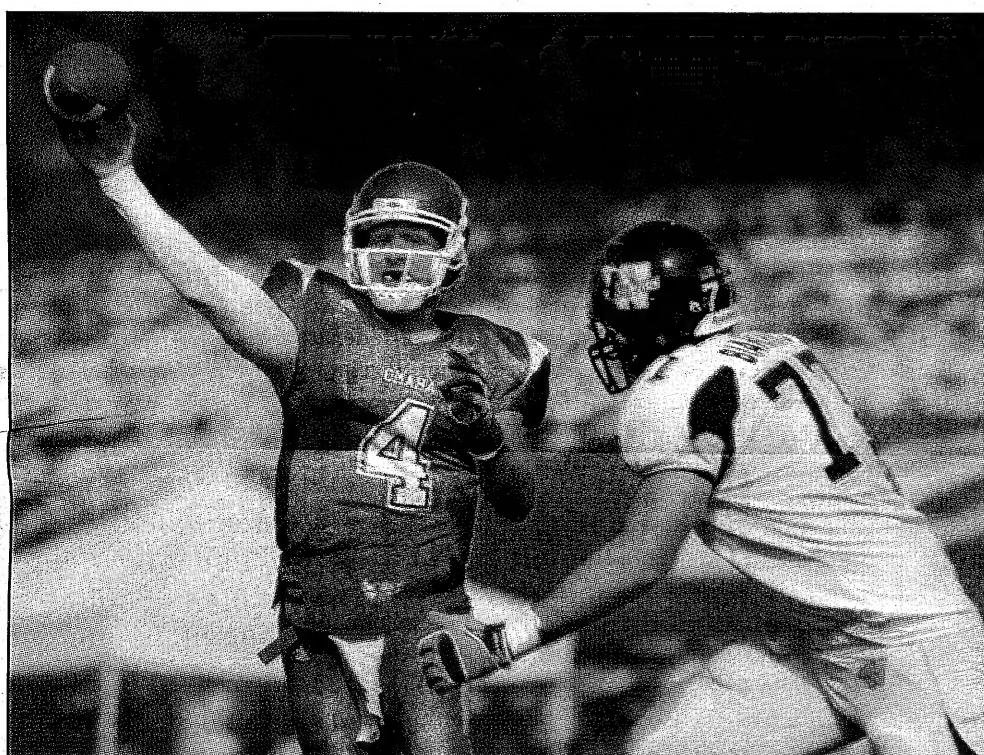
Washburn threatened to score early in the fourth quarter when they faced fourth-and-1 from the UNO 9-yard line, but the Mavs stiffened up and stuffed Moore for a 2-yard loss.

UNO finished with 427 yards of offense while Washburn had 470 for the game. Despite the high number, the Mavs' defense played an exceptional game, as the Ichabods are leading the MIAA in three offensive categories, including scoring offense and total offense. Washburn only had 78 rushing yards.

"I feel like we came out and did what we wanted to do, and that was stop the run," junior defensive tackle Nate Wissink said. "I think we took a major step today."

Two safeties led the Mavs on defense, with Pelster and senior Jason Zabka finishing with six tackles each.

The Mavs will be back on the road again as they take on Fort Hays State next Saturday at 2 p.m.



UNO quarterback Greg Wunderlich unleashes a pass as Washburn's Ben Bianchino approaches during Saturday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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Who is mowing UNO's Chili Greens?

It has only been a few years since UNO purchased the Chili Greens golf complex at 6808 Spring St., but still the large, grassy area is largely unused. The soccer fields and the dome structure are the only portion of the 54 acres that has provided any utility for the university. The area that comprises the majority of the \$1.75 million purchase sits empty, except every few weeks when fleets of people on lawn mowers dutifully cut the grass.

That's right, like a giant memorial to the once-great Chili Greens golf course, UNO funds to religiously maintain a visually attractive turf height. For at least three years now, this has been the case and, with no concrete development plans, students can continue to see a fraction of their fees sent to this ghost town.

UNO's intention upon acquiring the land was to keep it up their sleeve for future athletic structures and student-housing developments. The Gateway's opinion section even discussed the potential of using the space to bolster the imperfect parking situation at the school. But, alternative options should be considered while the university raises

additional millions to fund any type of construction — a task that, in this economy, has no set deadline.

Instead of paving over this significant space with parking lots or some other expensive development, the university should consider using this property

to invest in their educational systems. Courses in biology, environmental studies, horticulture and even community and urban development — to name a few — would benefit greatly from having access to the expansive, 54 acres of pristine green space.

Science of Food, for example, could study economic and health benefits from agricultural plots set up

by students in the many horticultural and propagation classes. Students in Ecology and Landscape Design classes could research and determine the best distribution of food and native plants, which would contribute to the overall ecosystem. Students in both Flora and Fauna of The Great Plains courses could contribute information for these native plots and continue to study them throughout the year.

While Chili Greens' original ponds

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are no longer filled, they could be returned and utilized by students in Water Resources. For those readers who doubt if Chili Greens and its water matters in the ecological scheme of things, simply walk down the Keystone Trail to witness the flocks of geese who inhabit this area and raise generations of young there.

This space would not only provide significant advantages for the many biologically based courses at UNO.

Consider the experience students in Economic Development and Regional Planning will gain by coordinating these various departments into a cohesive, sustainable structure. Students in UNO's Public Affairs and Community Service school could produce volunteer programs and education events for elementary, middle and high schools to come and gain hands-on experience with an entity that literally determines our survival: the ecosystem.

Bobby Wilson's Atlanta Urban Gardening Program is perhaps the most notorious single program that works to integrate gardening into mainstream society. Based out of the University of Georgia, Wilson's program aims to empower primarily underserved communities with gardens that produce actual economic results. These gardens not only provide food but generate actual income.

The truth of this system shines light on the questionable international agricultural trade, which is sustained only by cheap oil prices — an unsustainable commodity — and high grocery store prices. Stores featuring organic food often tout their moral highness, but they fail to explain that most of their products are shipped around the country in the same semi-trailers and railroad cars as the genetically modified, chemical-filled food that is the affordable solution for most.

Beyond the economic benefits for people of all classes, community gardens provide important education centers for all ages. They also offer projects that unify neighborhoods, enriching our society with a more kindred spirit besides the "good fences make good neighbors" mentality of America.

As with any university project, money will be required to get the idea off the ground. As this would be a great advantage for many UNO departments, they could consider the boost in academic resources as a potential pull for students who might otherwise default to UNL's agriculture program. While UNL is famous for their program, UNO could stress the urban necessity for agricultural solutions, enveloping the many trades explained earlier.

The United Methodists for Mission and Justice in Omaha received \$185,000 from federal awards to organizations that develop programs to provide food to low-income individuals. With that money they have been creating community gardens in the city. If UNO established a framework for this academic program to engage community service groups, there could be justification for federal assistance.

In Springfield, Mo., the city council will vote Oct. 26 to implement a variety of laws and ordinances, which would empower people who take up urban gardening. In regard to the Chili Greens property, UNO could ask the city to reduce its property tax based on its non-profit status, as the produce would be circulated into Omaha communities. Additional permits would likely need to be secured to produce food for consumption and distribution.

The University of Iowa established student-run gardens that provide food for their student centers in April. UNO could set up a similar system to possibly decrease the high costs of eating at the Milo Bail Student Center.

The recently created Environmental Club of UNO could ask Student Government for funds to begin developing an early model that could determine how much productive land the area provides. The club could also develop other details such as a possible composting solution that could decrease the university's fees on disposing organic material.

Small steps like these could prove to the university that money spent is worthwhile. Having already purchased this multi-million dollar complex, UNO can only wait for donations to come in before developing new athletic structures and dorms. In the meantime, the university and university groups like the Environmental Club should launch investigations into the possible uses of the Chili Greens space that don't include tearing it up and installing glass and concrete. Until then, plan to see it mowed and mowed again, for the benefit of... no one.

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